

retary of Commerce” for “Secretary of the Interior” pursuant to Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, see note set out under section 955 of this title.

§ 960. Commissions’ functions not restrained by this chapter or State laws

None of the prohibitions contained in this chapter or in the laws and regulations of the States shall prevent the commissions from conducting or authorizing the conduct of fishing operations and biological experiments at any time for the purpose of scientific investigations as authorized by the conventions, or shall prevent the commissions from discharging any of its or their functions or duties prescribed by the conventions.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §11, 64 Stat. 779.)

§ 961. Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of each convention and of this chapter, including—

- (a) contributions to each commission for the United States share of any joint expenses of the commission and the expenses of the United States Commissioners and their staff, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere;
- (b) travel expenses without regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended, subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, or section 5731(a) of title 5;
- (c) printing and binding without regard to section 501 of title 44, or section 5 of title 41;
- (d) stenographic and other services by contract, if deemed necessary, without regard to section 5 of title 41; and
- (e) purchase, hire, operation, maintenance, and repair of aircraft, motor vehicles (including passenger-carrying vehicles), boats and research vessels.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §12, 64 Stat. 780.)

CODIFICATION

In par. (b), “subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, or section 5731(a) of title 5” substituted for “the Travel Expense Act of 1949, or section 10 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 73b)” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

In par. (c), “section 501 of title 44” substituted for “section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (U.S.C., title 44, sec. 111)” on authority of Pub. L. 90-620, §2(b), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305, the first section of which enacted Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

§ 962. Reduction of bycatch in eastern tropical Pacific Ocean

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and acting through the United States Commissioners, shall seek, in cooperation with other nations whose vessel¹ fish for tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, to establish standards and measures for a bycatch reduction program for vessels fishing

for yellowfin tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. The bycatch reduction program shall include measures—

- (1) to require, to the maximum extent practicable, that sea turtles and other threatened species and endangered species are released alive;
- (2) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the harvest of nontarget species;
- (3) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the mortality of nontarget species; and
- (4) to reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, the mortality of juveniles of the target species.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §15, as added Pub. L. 105-42, §7(c), Aug. 15, 1997, 111 Stat. 1138.)

CODIFICATION

Section 7(c) of Pub. L. 105-42, which directed the addition of this section at the end of the Tuna Conventions Act, was executed by adding this section at the end of the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective upon certification by Secretary of Commerce that sufficient funding is available to complete first year of study required by section 1414a(a) of this title and that study has commenced, and certification by Secretary of State to Congress that binding resolution of Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission or other legally binding instrument establishing International Dolphin Conservation Program has been adopted and is in force, see section 8 of Pub. L. 105-42, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 1362 of this title.

CHAPTER 16A—ATLANTIC TUNAS CONVENTION

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971. | Definitions. |
| 971a. | Commissioners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Appointment and number; selection of Chairman; rules of procedure; term. (b) Alternate Commissioners. (c) Compensation. (d) Travel expenses. |
| 971b. | Advisory committee. |
| 971b-1. | Species working groups. |
| 971c. | Authority of Secretary of State; cooperative enforcement agreements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recommendations from Commission. (b) Enforcement agreements. |
| 971d. | Administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Regulations; cooperation with other parties to Convention; utilization of personnel, services, and facilities for enforcement. (b) Primary enforcement responsibility. (c) Regulations and other measures to carry out Commission recommendations. (d) Recommended Commission actions regarding large-scale driftnet fishing and conservation of Atlantic swordfish. |
| 971e. | Violations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In general. (b) Failure to furnish returns, records, or reports. (c) Refusal of request to board and inspect vessel. (d) Importation of ineligible species or species under investigation. |

¹ So in original. Probably should be “vessels”.